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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BROWN ET AL.

Examiner

Laura S. Weiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,16,17,19,27,28,30-32,38-44,46,47,49-51 and 53-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 56,59 and 60 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8,16,17,19,27,28,30-32,38-40,43,44,46,47,49-51,53,54,57 and 58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9,41,42 and 55 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-8, 16-17, 19, 27-28, 30-32, 38-40, 43-44, 46-47, 49-51, 53-54, 57-58 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The rejection of claims 1-2, 4-8, 16-17, 19, 27-28, 30-32, 39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Disselbeck et al. (5,670,278) or Frysz et al. (5,114,810) in view of Liang et al. (4,391,729) has been withdrawn.
2. Claims 1-60 have been examined on their merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1-2, 4-8, 16-17, 19, 27-28, 30-32, 38-40, 43-44, 46-47, 49-51, 53-54, 57-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aoki et al. (JP 59-186263, abstract).

Aoki et al. teaches a nonaqueous battery comprising a light metal anode, a cathode comprising a Ti cathode collector having 0.01-0.21 μ oxide layer [10-210 nm] and an electrolyte. The Ti oxide film may be formed by treatment in O by inorganic acid or by anodic oxidation. The cathode comprises graphite fluoride [*fluorinated carbon, carbonaceous material*], acetylene black conductor and PTFE binder. The collector was previously treated at 350 degrees for 0.5 h. The electrolyte comprises LiBF₄ and gamma-butyrolactone.

Allowable Subject Matter

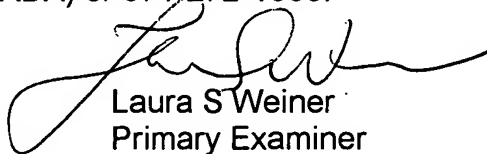
4. Claims 56, 59-60 are allowed.
5. Claims 9, 41-42, 55 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura S. Weiner whose telephone number is 571-272-1294. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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